

river, and at two places live fish had been thrown out.

Surely the wonderful predictions of Isaiah, "In the wilderness shall waters break out," is being literally fulfilled. Such triumphs in the scientific world should encourage us to look for still greater results in Christ's spiritual kingdom. The Sahara waste is a blooming garden compared with the fearful moral wastes of the world, which the gospel is yet to render fair and fruitful. The means to be employed is one which makes the might of modern science pale to a shadow. It is the strong right arm of Jehovah which is pledged to perform this glorious work. It is the blood of Jesus Christ, that is to cleanse those guilty hearts, and ransom them from eternal bondage. Oh, who would fear to go forth as a worker in such a cause, with such a surety for our final success? There must be workers of many grades, but even the lowliest who performs his allotted task faithfully will hear the Master say, "Well done."—S. S. Times.

For the Christian Messenger.

Eighteenth Anniversary of the American Bible Union.

The Anniversary exercises of the American Bible Union will be held in the meeting-house of the First Baptist Church, at 350 Broome Street, New York, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 2nd and 3rd of October.

The usual number of speakers have been appointed for the occasion, among whom are the following:—Revs. H. M. Callaher, Brooklyn; Wm. T. Moore, Cincinnati; Newman Hall, London, England; James F. Brown, D. D., Chancellor of Lewisburg University; Isaac Errett, Cleveland; Justin D. Fulton, Boston; J. B. Thomas, Brooklyn; Thomas Armitage, D. D., President.

The usual arrangements will be made for the entertainment of delegates.

This Anniversary is expected to be one of uncommon interest, all who love the objects of the Bible Union will be gratified by the opportunity of attending.

THOMAS ARMITAGE, President.

For the Christian Messenger.

Our Female Missionary.

Mr. Editor,—

On the next day after the cordial and unanimous reception of Miss Minnie B. DeWolfe by the Convention, as our Female Missionary to Burmah, I addressed a letter of inquiry to Rev. J. N. Murdock, one of the Secretaries of the American Baptist Missionary Union. An answer was received on the 13th inst. Dr. M. kindly expressed a readiness to afford our Board all needful assistance.

From his letter it appears that Mrs. Van Meter, with whom we wish to send sister DeWolfe, will probably leave Boston for Bassein about the latter end of October; that about \$200 of our money will be required for outfit, and \$500 for passage.

It will be borne in mind, that the amount requisite for outfit was promptly subscribed, and the greater part of it paid, at the Meeting of Convention. But, besides sister DeWolfe's annual support and incidental expenses, which must be considerable, \$500 are required presently to pay for her passage from Boston to Bassein. Now, as it is obviously very desirable that there should be funds in hand to sustain an ordained Missionary, whenever a suitable man can be found, willing to engage in this work, and also that we should retain in our service the native preachers, school teachers, and native 'Bible women,' now usefully employed, it is evidently necessary to put forth prompt and widely extended efforts to raise the requisite sum without delay. This object can be easily attained, without really interfering with any other benevolent enterprise, by speedy and simultaneous action. I beg, therefore, to suggest the propriety and desirableness of appointing female collectors—surely they will take a special interest in this matter—in all our Churches in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, to solicit contributions from church members, and the community at large. It is my intention to commence this course at once.

Not having sufficient time to give notice through the press, I have by letter requested the members of the Foreign Missionary Board in N. S., to meet on the 24th inst., in order to make arrangements, and to confer with the members in N. B. It is expected that, in compliance with urgent request, sister DeWolfe will visit St. John. As soon as the time can be determined, notice will be given.

Since this valued sister readily foregoes the endearments of home, &c., and subjects herself to the privations and trials that must necessarily attend her course in a distant

heathen land, for the love of Christ, and of the souls of poor untutored females, perishing for lack of knowledge, surely those who make no such sacrifice will most cheerfully contribute the means necessary to enable her to carry her heaven-prompted design successfully into effect.

Yours in gospel bonds,
CHARLES TUPPER, Sec'y.

Aylesford, Sept. 18, 1867.

P. S.—It is presumed that many will be disposed to send in donations without personal solicitation, as some have already done. Such donors, and indeed all that have money to forward, may enclose it to me, as Sec'y; to Rev. I. E. Bill, St. John; or to Bro. S. Selden, Halifax. C. T.

For the Christian Messenger.

Central Sabbath School Convention.

The Sabbath School Convention, in connection with the Central Baptist Association, was held at Hantsport, on Thursday, the 19th inst. Commencing at 10 o'clock, a. m., the President, Bro. Andrew Shaw, in the chair.

The exercises commenced by singing, "Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove," and reading the 103rd Psalm, followed by prayer, by Rev. J. E. Balcom, pastor of the Hantsport church.

Devotional exercises were continued for some time, after which the business of the Convention was taken up. The names of Delegates present were taken. The Rev. G. S. Abbott, and Bro. Francis Blake, of Boston, were invited to sit with the Convention.

A committee was appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year. After the committee reported, the following officers were elected: President, Bro. George J. Creed, Rawdon; V. President, N. T. Harris, Hantsport, and J. S. Witter, Canning; Treas. A. P. Shand, Windsor; Sec'y. Geo. V. Rand, Wolfville; Brethren S. Selden, J. E. Lockwood, James Sanford, Melatiah Kinsman, and E. C. West, were appointed as Managing Committee for the ensuing year.

Revs. S. W. DeBlois, and D. M. Welton, were appointed to read the letters from the Sabbath Schools.

Letters and Statistics were received from Schools at Hantsport, Falmouth, Pereaux, Wolfville, Hall's Harbor, Port Williams, Gaspereau, Kentville, New Minas, Black River, Granville Street, and North Church, (Halifax), Canning, Billtown, Bridgewater, Hammond's Plains, Upper and Lower Canard, Summerville, South Rawdon, Jeddore, and Darmouth.

The arrangements for the afternoon and evening sessions were referred to the Managing Committee.

The Pastor of the Hantsport Church, announced that the Sabbath School would be present in the afternoon. The Convention adjourned till 3 o'clock, p. m.

Met according to adjournment, after opening exercises, the minutes of the morning session were read—several names of persons not present in the morning were added to the list of delegates. The Managing Committee presented their report, which was adopted.

The Secretary read the Statistics of the Sabbath Schools.

Rev. D. M. Welton then read an Essay, founded on 2 Timothy iii. 15.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. G. S. Abbott, and Bros. Blake and S. Selden. The exercises were interspersed and enlivened by a number of pieces sung by the Sabbath School. The Convention adjourned till 6 ½ o'clock, p. m.

Met as per adjournment—after opening services, the minutes of the afternoon session were read, after which the following subjects, presented by the Managing Committee, were brought forward for discussion—1st. The best means for retaining the more advanced scholars, introduced by Bro. D. R. Eaton, and followed by Rev. S. W. DeBlois, and G. V. Rand. 2nd. The relation of pastor and church members to the sabbath school, introduced by Rev. J. E. Balcom, and followed by Rev. A. S. Hunt, and E. O. Read. 3rd. S. S. Literature, introduced by Bro. S. Selden. The hour being late, the Convention proceeded to bring their proceedings to a close.

Voted that the cordial and hearty thanks of this Convention be presented to the members of the church and congregation at Hantsport for their kindness and hospitality during our present session.

Voted that the thanks of this Convention be given to the Secretary for his services.

The minutes of the evening session were read and the Convention adjourned to meet at Canning in September, 1868.

The several sessions were well attended, and we trust much good will result and an increasing interest awakened in those present

who are superintendents and teachers, and a determination on their part to make their sabbath schools more efficient than heretofore.

Some of the letters contain items of much interest. Since the meeting of the Convention statistics have been received from Chester, Chester Grant, Marrett's Cove, Cambridge, Union Corner, Morristown, Bellemont, and Long Point.

GEO. V. RAND, Sec'y.

Bro. Rand promises "to give something more soon." We presume he will include some of the Statistical information from some Sabbath Schools.

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HALIFAX, SEPTEMBER 25, 1867.

Baptist Foreign Missions.

A PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING will be held in Granville Street Church, on Wednesday evening, October 2nd, in relation to the approaching departure of Miss DeWolfe to labor on behalf of the women of Burmah, in conjunction with the Baptist Missionaries in that distant country, under the direction of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Board of these provinces.

Addresses may be expected from the Rev. Dr. Tupper, Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board, as well as from several other ministers of the city and from the country.

The meeting to commence at 7 past 7. A collection will be taken up on behalf of the Mission.

Baptist Chapels in London.

A few weeks since another new Baptist Chapel, built by the London Baptist Association was opened. A number of ministers were present. At a subsequent meeting the chairman, Rev. W. Brook remarked that thirty years ago there were only thirty Baptist chapels in the metropolis; there were now upwards of eighty-six. Of these thirty at least two-thirds had doubled and increased during the last thirty years. He held that these facts spoke well for the progress and vitality of the Baptist denomination in the metropolis. He rejoiced in the completion of the building they had opened that morning. The help that had been afforded by their friends at Camden-road had been so generous that it was impossible to speak too highly of them. They had subscribed no less than £532 towards the Holloway Chapel, a noble sum to come from one church. The freehold of the chapel had cost £1,500, which was a small sum for so large piece of ground, but was a large sum when they considered their limited means. The contract was for £3,000, and the extras and legal expenses made the whole sum £5,500. This had been paid with the exception of £2,500, which was left as a mortgage for the new church, when formed, to clear off. Originally it was intended to build the front of brick; but the architect, Mr. Cowell, offered to give one-half, and Mr. Walters the other half, of the extra cost in using stone, an alteration in the plan, which added greatly to the external appearance of the building.

The Rev. J. Fleming and Rev. Mark Wilks, Independent ministers in the neighbourhood, addressed a few congratulatory words to the minister-elect of the new chapel the Rev. S. H. Booth. They both expressed their pleasure in learning how much the Baptists had done in the way of chapel-building, and hoped they would do still more to meet the pressing spiritual wants of this great metropolis.

Educational.

The Examination of Teachers and the Inspection of Schools are matters of prime importance in promoting education, and improving the character of schools. We find that the Council of Public Instruction give special attention to each of these subjects. In the last issue of the Journal of Education, the following "Official notices" are given on the former of the said subjects:

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

Notice is hereby given, that under authority of an Act passed in the late session of the Legislature, the Council of Public Instruction has made the following Regulations in reference to the Examination and Licensing of Teachers of Public Schools in this Province:

OF EXISTING LICENSES.

1. Subject to all the limitations and restrictions under which they were originally granted, all legal and valid Licenses now held shall continue to be legal and valid as follows:—
Head Masters' Certificates, } Till Nov. 1st, 1868.
Licenses of the First Class, }
" " " Second Class, " " 1869.
" " " Third Class, " " 1870.

Licenses issued by the late Boards of District Examiners remain valid as above in the District for which originally issued, and for any other District or Districts in which they may have been duly endorsed previous to May, 1867. "Permissive" Licenses cease to be valid on the expiration of the period for which they were originally granted.

OF THE ISSUE OF LICENSES IN FUTURE.

1. All Licenses granted in future shall be under seal of the Council, and shall be valid for the whole Province.

2. The Syllabus of Examination for Licenses of the several Grades shall be the same as that published in the Regulations of the Council, 1866.

3. The Examination Questions shall be uniform for the whole Province, and, where possible, each candidate shall be furnished with a printed copy of the same.

4. All candidates for License will be required, on presenting themselves for examination, to furnish a written certificate of good moral character, signed by a Minister of Religion or by two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace; and such certificate shall be filed in the Educational Department, together with the other papers relating to the candidate's examination.

5. There shall be two examinations each year, one in each School Term. The examination for the current Term shall begin on

TUESDAY, FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER NEXT, at 9 o'clock, A.M.

6. The following shall be places of examination:—Sydney, Baddeck, Margaree Forks, Port Hood, Arichat, Guysborough, Sherbrook, Antigonish, Pictou, Amherst, Truro, Halifax, Windsor, Kentville, Bridgetown, Digby, Yarmouth, Shelburne, Liverpool and Lunenburg.

7. Persons desirous of being examined shall be at liberty to choose of the above-named places the one most easy of access.

8. Candidates are to furnish their own writing material.

9. All the written exercises of Candidates shall be forwarded by the Deputy Examiners as soon as possible to the EDUCATION OFFICE, to be submitted to the Board of Examiners for their judgment thereon.

10. Licenses will be forwarded by mail to the Post Office address of candidates.

The Council has been pleased to appoint the following persons to be Deputy Examiners, to conduct the examination at the several places specified in Reg. 6, viz.:

- Sydney: the Inspector of Schools for C. B. Co. Baddeck: " " Victoria " Margaree Forks: Rev. John Chisholm. Port Hood: the Insp. of Schools for Inverness " Arichat: " " Richmond " Guysborough: " " Guysborough " Sherbrook: Rev. John Campbell. Antigonish: the Insp. of Schools for Antigonish " Pictou: Rev. James Bayne, D.D. Amherst: the Insp. of Schools for Cumberland " Truro: " " Colchester " Halifax: " " Halifax " Windsor: " " Hants " Kentville: " " Kings " Bridgetown: " " Annapolis " Digby: " " Digby " Yarmouth: " " Yarmouth " Shelburne: " " Shelburne " Liverpool: " " Queens " Lunenburg: " " Lunenburg "

THE NEXT ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.—It is provided by law that the annual school meeting "shall be held in the school-house of the section or if its use cannot be obtained, or if there is none, in any other convenient building, on the THIRD MONDAY IN OCTOBER; the meeting to be called by the trustees, or, where none exist, by the inspector, by notices posted in three public localities within the section, five days previously, signed by the trustees or the inspector, as the case may be." Trustees must on no account fail to give the required notice to the inhabitants of their section. Where sections are without trustees, the people should see that the required notices are procured in time from the Inspector, and properly posted.

The Journal also contains some interesting items from some of the Inspectors, shewing that they are endeavouring to raise the character of the Schools, as well as extend the benefits of education to all the people.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.—A circular of invitation has been issued by the Halifax Y. M. C., Association, to delegates to meet in Convention the first week in October. Arrangements have been made with the N. S. Railway that delegates paying full fare to the city will be permitted to return over the line free. Messrs. T. S. Lindsay & Co., the proprietors of the mail line of stage Coaches to Antigonish, Guysborough and Sydney have kindly agreed to extend the same privilege. Need we urge upon these delegates who have not yet decided upon being present, the value of such a meeting. It is calculated by the blessing of God's Holy Spirit to stimulate them to renewed zeal and newness of life. Its object is the promotion of the glory of God, and the joy and peace of his people, and we earnestly hope that no trivial considerations may be permitted to stand in the way of any invited member joining in this projected Convention. If any of our readers have failed to reply to the circular let it be done at once, so that all necessary arrangements may be completed in advance. And may all God's people unite with us in prayer to the giver of all good, that it may be a season of reviving and refreshing to those to be more immedi-